



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## COOLER TEMPERATURES PREVAIL

In West Tennessee, below normal temperatures aided crop development in areas that had been experiencing hot, dry conditions. Fungicides were applied to late planted corn and soybeans. Armyworms continued to be a problem, despite cooler overnight temperatures slowing their activities. Other farm activities included baling hay and spraying for pests. In Middle Tennessee, forage producers were busy applying fertilizer in hopes of improving yields on their second and third cuttings. Many areas remain very dry. In East Tennessee, farmers continued to hope for rain, as scattered showers did little to alleviate dry conditions. Some livestock producers have been forced to let their animals graze land that would otherwise have been cut for hay due to the dry weather. Others have had to go so far as to start feeding hay, leading to fears of shortages this winter. Wrapper tobacco continued to look good. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 31 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 26 percent short and 72 percent adequate.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2020	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Silking	97	95	97	98	Pasture	3	10	30	50	7
Corn-Dough	79	64	68	84	Cotton	5	9	21	55	10
Corn - Dented	43	13	9	34	Corn	0	3	15	60	22
Cotton – Squaring	93	87	93	98	Soybeans	1	3	17	60	19
Cotton – Setting Bolls	65	51	77	82	Tobacco	5	7	28	50	10
Soybeans – Blooming	84	76	82	87						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	62	50	56	66						
Tobacco -Topped	76	67	72	69						